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S/S - MR. GAMBLE

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT PEREZ

1. DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT PEREZ AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE .
2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE SEEN YOUR
STATEMENT REJECTING AND CONDEMNING PRESS REPORTS ALLEGING
THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED PAYMENTS FROM THE CENTRAL INTELLI-
GENCE AGENCY. THESE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST YOU HAVE DIS-
TRESSED ME DEEPLY.

I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY PERSONAL REGRET AND THAT OF
MY GOVERNMENT FOR ANY EMBARRASSMENT THAT THESE PRESS
STORIES MAY HAVE CAUSED YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT, OR THE
PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE NO CONTROL
OVER THE NEWS MEDIA IN OUR COUNTRY, AND I CANNOT PREVENT
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THESE GROUNDLESS ASSERTIONS ABOUT YOU. YOU CAN APPRE-
CIATE THE CONCERN THEY HAVE CAUSED THIS ADMINISTRATION
WHICH HAS DEDICATED ITSELF TO FORGING STRONGER TIES
WITH THOSE NATIONS IN THE WORLD TODAY THAT SHARE OUR
DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AN INDEPENDENT AND VIGOROUS DEFENDER

OF VENEZUELA'S INTERESTS, OF THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA, OF OPEC AND OF THE THIRD WORLD, ARE ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED AND FORMIDABLE LEADERS IN THE WORLD TODAY. THAT YOU WERE FREELY ELECTED AND THAT YOU GOVERN AN OPEN SOCIETY ADDS ENORMOUSLY TO OUR RESPECT FOR YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I HOPE AND TRUST THAT THESE MALICIOUS STORIES -- WHICH SHOULD NOT EVEN BE DIGNIFIED BY DIRECT COMMENT -- WILL NOT CAST A SHADOW OVER THE IMPORTANT FUTURE THAT WE WILL SHARE.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE.

3. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF LETTER BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOV WISHES TO DO SO.
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